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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Richardson, Friend

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Representative Richard Dodge.

Whereas, Representative Richard Dodge, who was first elected to represent the citizens of House District 51 in 2004, will be leaving the House chamber for the last time at the end of the 2012 legislative session;

Whereas, During his time in the House of Representatives, Representative Dodge has served on the Environmental Affairs Committee, the Natural Resources Committee, the Public Health Committee, and the Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee;

Whereas, Representative Dodge also served on the Lake

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Management Work Group and Health Finance Commission interim committees;

Whereas, Promoting the conservation of Indiana's natural resources, developing solutions for problems affecting Indiana lakes, addressing the issue of toxic growth of blue-green algae, and prevention of phosphorus contamination in lakes and reservoirs have been some of Representative Dodge's top priorities during his tenure at the Statehouse;

Whereas, Representative Dodge was selected as Indiana Wildlife Federation Legislative Conservationist of the Year in 2011;

Whereas, In addition to his interest in preserving and protecting Indiana's natural resources, Representative Dodge worked hard to strengthen Indiana's economy by bringing more jobs and businesses to our state and his area;

Whereas, Representative Dodge served his country as a member of the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1954;

Whereas, Before being elected to the House of Representatives, Representative Dodge served as a Steuben County Commissioner, a Steuben Township trustee, a member of the Steuben Township Advisory Board, and the Steuben County Council;

Whereas, Active in his community, Representative Dodge has been involved in numerous local government organizations, and he is a former president of the Indiana Association of County Councils, a former member of the Association of Indiana Counties Northeast District, a former member of the board of directors of the Association of Indiana Counties, and the former Steuben County Republican Party county chairman, serving from 1988 to 1992;

Whereas, Representative Dodge is a member of the Pleasant Lake Lions Club, American Legion Post #257, Angola Elks Lodge #2398, Fremont Moose Lodge #2387, National Rifle Association, Indiana Sheriffs' Association, Indiana Farm Bureau, and Hoosier War Birds, and has served as past



president and board member of the Steuben County Historical Society;

Whereas, Representative Dodge graduated from Pleasant Lake High School, attended Purdue University and Ferris State College, and is a member of the Angola Christian Church;

Whereas, Representative Dodge currently performs consulting work for heating and air conditioning companies and previously owned and operated a heating and air conditioning business for 36 years; and

Whereas, Representative Richard Dodge has served his constituency loyally and faithfully since his election to the Indiana General Assembly: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives bids a
- 2 fond farewell to Representative Richard Dodge. The House of
- 3 Representatives has seen only good things during his tenure.
- 4 Legislators and staff alike will miss him greatly. His departure will
- 5 leave a void that will never be truly filled.
- 6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 7 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Representative
- 8 Richard Dodge and his family.

